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Be Happy!



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## C O N T E N T S

SET 242.  
QUEEN OF THE GREEN

①

SET 243.  
NOT LIKE THIS!

②

SET 244.  
LAST GAME...?!

③

SET 245.  
FORWARD!

④

SET 246.  
BOMB

⑤

SET 247.  
M. LIMINO

⑥

SET 248.  
MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!

⑦

SET 249.  
ON THE PRECIPICE

⑧

SET 250.  
MIRACLES...

⑨

SET 251.  
RAIN

⑩

SET 252.  
I'M HAPPY

⑪

SET 253.  
GAME, SET, MATCH...

⑫

FINAL SET.  
BE HAPPY!

⑬





Dearest  
Father,  
Thank you  
for your  
letter.



Have you been  
eating properly  
and making sure  
your eyes get  
plenty of rest?



Your prison  
sentence is almost  
up. You must take  
care of your body  
until then...



I know  
that my  
refinement  
has been  
weighing  
heavily on  
your mind...



I'm writing  
this letter just  
before I take  
the court for  
the finals at  
Wimbledon.



On the  
soothing, cotton.  
I'd like to flush  
you from the very  
bottom of my  
heart.

...But it has  
become nothing  
to do with you, or  
Gergel and his  
impairment for  
himself.



Each and  
every day, I  
got better, and  
I pushed myself  
further. It was  
fun...

I can't  
remember  
the last time  
I had that  
much fun  
playing  
tennis...



As soon  
as I was old  
enough, Mimi  
was the one  
who taught me  
the secrets of  
tennis.



There's  
nothing but  
the ball... And  
it's floating  
in the dark...



My choice  
to leave the  
world of tennis  
behind had  
nothing to do  
with you,  
Father.

...I can't  
express it  
very well.



My  
tennis has  
already...



I'm sure  
that my  
tennis...







6-0!  
QUEEN  
NIKOLIC  
HAS *SWEPT*  
THE FIRST  
SET, 6-0!



SET 242.

**QUEEN OF THE GREEN**



Folks... Even if her opponent *won't* be Lelno, the match would *still* be turning out the same way!

This is turning out to be a *tradition* in the Wimbledon Finals!



Lelno Miyuki is *completely* outclassed.



From down in the Heavens she gazes upon the Earth! She is the true *Queen* of tennis!

Mikolic is performing *wonderfully* today! We know her strength all too well, but we've never seen *THIS* side of her before!



AIN'T GOT NO CAAAASH!





AMT  
GOT NO  
JODGORY!



TOKYO...

Brng  
Brng!



AMT  
GOT NO  
JODGORY!



I'M PH-  
FUSEGELY!



WE  
CAN GO  
NO HELL  
ALONG WITH  
THE DAMN  
TV!



BUT...  
LEMING  
MYLUCKY?







...THEY  
SHOULD  
CALL HER  
THE MON-  
STER.

...THEY CALL  
HER THE  
GIRL, BUT  
REALLY...



I GUESS  
THE OUTCOME  
WOULDN'T  
PROBABLY  
BEEN THE  
SAME, EITHER.  
HEY, HEY,  
Y'KNOW...

I'D HAVE  
HAD A MUCH  
BETTER SHOT  
THAN THAT  
ARMED.



SEE  
YOU...



I WAS  
JUMPING FOR  
JOY WHEN SHE  
ANNOUNCED HER  
RETIREMENT.

W-WELL...  
I SUPPOSE  
THAT FITS.



YOU'RE  
BACK IN  
JAPAN FIVE  
MINUTES  
AND YOU  
SET UP A  
MIDNIGHT  
TRAIN?

HOLD IT  
WHERE DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE  
GOING?  
IT'S LATE!



I'M  
GOING  
OUT TO  
TRAIN,  
MOTHER.









Out.

Torty-Love!



SHE'S  
DROPPING ON  
FUMES

MANY  
THIS IS  
CRUEL.



TORTY-  
LOVE!

Out!



MY BINGA-GAN  
WOULD BE  
DOING MUCH  
BETTER.

THIS "TUMINO"  
GIRL FROM JAPAN  
JUST AIN'T CUT  
OUT FOR THE  
FINALS.



IT'S  
PAINFUL  
TO EVEN  
WATCH

SHE  
NEEDS  
TO GIVE  
IT UP.









ULTRA...



*SOME  
ULTRA SEVEN  
BASTARD  
JACKED THE  
MILLION...*



HELL NO!  
SIT YER ASS  
IN THE CAR!

GAGURADA-  
SAN, YOU  
TAKE HIM  
TOO.



HAYAMA...

ALRIGHT  
OPERATION  
"GIVE UMINO'S  
WHOLE DUMBASS  
FAMILY" STARTS  
NOW



IT'S GOTTA  
GETTA  
THE  
MONEY STOLEN  
BACK IN LONDON  
LOSD UP ALL MY  
BAD LUCK.

I GUESS  
IT'S A PLAN,  
BUT... IS IT  
GONNA TO  
WORK...?



WE NEED YA  
FOR THE PLAN,  
**IDIOT!**

WHA... I CAN  
STAY IN THE  
CAR TOO,  
RIGHT...?



OH GOD!  
WE'RE  
REALLY  
LEAVING  
IT ALL  
UP TO  
LUCKY!

**I GOT  
NOTHIN'  
BUT  
GOOD  
LUCK  
LEFT!**

**GUE!**



It's like  
Umino is  
Frozen solid!  
Queen Nikolic  
has the stage  
entirely to  
herself!



With  
the first set  
finishing 6-0  
and the second  
set already at  
3-0, it seems  
Umino's out of  
options!



THAT GIRL  
IS FLAW-  
LESS...



IN ALL THE  
YEARS NIKOLIC  
HAS BEEN COMING  
TO WIMBLEDON...  
SHE HAS NEVER  
BROKEN INTO A  
SWEAT DURING  
A MATCH



HOW IS IT  
POSSIBLE,  
RADAM...?



SHE  
HASN'T  
SWEAT EVEN  
A SINGLE  
DROP...

SET  
243.  
NOT  
LIKE  
THIS!

A close-up of a woman with short dark hair and glasses, looking slightly to the right with a subtle smile. Her hand is near her face.

HER  
TENNIS IS  
A *SUPREME*  
WORK OF  
ART...

A woman with her hair in a ponytail is shown in a dynamic pose, swinging a tennis racket. She is wearing a light-colored collared shirt under a dark vest. The background is plain white.

SET 243.

**NOT LIKE  
THIS!**

BOOM!





**TASH!**

DEKCHI-SAN,  
WHAT'S THE  
MATTER?

Nikolic  
had her  
Forehand  
lying in  
wait...

I'LL BE  
BACK!  
KEEP  
WATCHING  
THE  
MATCH!

AMINO-  
SAN WON'T  
LET IT END  
LIKE THIS!

BUT IT'S  
ALMOST...

NOT  
LIKE  
THIS!

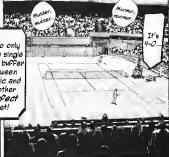
**BOOM!**







Umino only  
has a single  
game buffer  
between  
Nikolic and  
another  
perfect  
set!



Hopefully  
she can  
keep her  
serve at  
least  
**ONCE!**









SPEAKIN' OF WHICH, WHO WAS WATCHIN' TV EARLIER?



YES, SIR. HE'S AT THE FRONT DOOR. HE SAID THAT HE LOST HIS BALL.

HIS BALL?



I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT CRAP. TUCK IT OFF.



IT'S GLENN MINGLO'S FINAL GAME...

OH... I WAS.



*Just barely... Glenn has JUST BARELY managed to keep her secret! The score is 1-0, and we're...*



Y... YES, SIR.





ONCE  
THE SUN  
COMES  
UP, KILL  
'EM.

THE  
GUY WITH  
THE LIFE  
INSURANCE,  
THE BRATS,  
AND THE  
HOMO...



KA-BAM!

WOOOO

G-GAME,  
NIKOLIC!  
Umino was  
briefly able  
to keep her  
serve, but  
now it's 5-1!

*This is it!  
Nikolic has  
one game  
standing  
between her  
and the  
championship!*













There's no mistaking the fact that this match is Ukolic's... But we still want it to keep on going for a little longer!



AAAAHHH!



WAIT!



AAAAHHH!

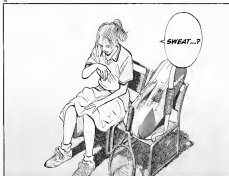
YOU SON OF A BITCH!



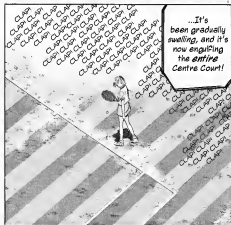
Yes, it will be Ukolic's final game, and we'd love to see it keep going!

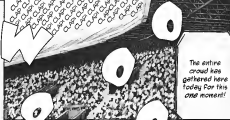






SET  
244.  
LAST  
GAME  
...?!





The entire crowd has gathered here today for this one moment!



Mikolic took the first set, 6-0. Though Ueno was able to win two games, the Queen's leading in the second set! It's 5-2, Folks!



Though she's broken many records, and we'll always have all our memories of the unparalleled Queen of Tennis...

As we begin the eighth game... Mikolic's serve is almost certain to be her last!



...THIS  
WILL BE  
SABRINA  
NIKOLIC'S  
FINAL  
GAME!

SET 244.

**LAST GAME...?!**











ONCE WE'VE  
ACCOMPLISHED  
THAT FOR  
HER...

INSTRUCT  
THE STAFF  
TO APPRECIATE  
THEIR EFFORTS  
TO RECOVER  
HER FAMILY



HER LEFT  
KNEE HAS  
REACHED  
ITS LIMIT.



THIS  
WILL ALL  
BE FIN-  
ISHED.









WINNIE'S  
THE SAME  
AS HER  
COACH!

MATCH  
FIXING, FRAUD,  
IT DOESN'T  
MATTER! HE'LL  
DO ANYTHING  
TO SATISFY HIS  
GREED! HE'S THE  
WORST OF THE  
WORST!



WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN,  
FOOLISH?

I WON'T  
LET YOU BE  
FRIENDS  
WITH SUCH  
FOOLISH  
PEOPLE.



SHE'S  
NOT!

IF THE  
COACH IS  
DIRTY,  
SO'S HIS  
PLAYER!



WHY?  
HE'S NOT LIKE  
HIM!

I COULDN'T  
JUST LET SUCH  
A DIRTY MAN SOIL  
THE LEGACY OF  
WIMBLEDON! I HAD  
TO BAN HIM! IN THE  
NAME OF JUSTICE!



LET  
GO  
OF  
ME!

DON'T  
TALK  
BACK!  
WE'RE  
GOING!  
NOW!



THAT SOUNDED  
LIKE GABBY!  
IT'S THAT WINNIE,  
ISN'T IT? SHE'S  
BEEN A BAD  
INFLUENCE ON  
YOU!

WENDY!



YOU'RE  
WRONG!



I BROKE  
IT! THE SAME  
RACKET THAT I'D  
BEEN THROUGH  
SO MUCH WITH!  
IT WAS JUST  
PATHETIC!



MIYUKI  
SAW ME BREAK  
DOWN AND SMASH  
MY RACKET, AND  
SHE STARTED  
CRYING!

IF I COULD  
DO THAT TO MY  
RACKET, AFTER  
HEARING YOU TELL  
ME OVER AND  
OVER... THERE'S  
NO WAY I COULD  
REALLY LOVE  
TENNIS, RIGHT?!



COACH,  
YOU'RE ALWAYS  
TELLING ME THAT  
I NEED TO LOVE  
TENNIS!



I MADE A  
POMTO HER...  
THAT AS LONG  
AS I LIVED, I'D  
TREAT MY RACKET  
LIKE IT WAS  
PRECIOUS...



MIYUKI AND  
I TALKED  
WHILE WE  
WERE EATING  
THIS YUMMY  
SOUL KORNELL



HERE'S  
WHAT I  
THINK  
ABOUT  
THAT!



THE  
KOM-  
BU!

OH...!



I'LL  
BUY YOU  
ANY DAMN  
RACKET YOU  
WANT! THAT  
PAUPER'S  
FULL OF  
SHIT!



QUIT YOUR  
PUSING!  
WE'RE GOING  
BACK TO  
AMERICA,  
AND WE'RE  
GOING TO  
FIX YOUR  
LITTLE...

HOW  
COULD  
YOU?!



WH...  
WHAT  
THE  
HELL?!

?



HURGH!

WHAM!





DEBT  
COLLECTOR...  
JUST WHEN  
I'D FOUND THE  
THIEF, TOO...



DAMN!  
I GUESSED  
I LOST HIM...







It... It's  
some kind  
of *miracle!*  
The so-called  
"unsinkable"  
series of  
Queen Nikolic  
have been  
*sunk!*



The game  
count is  
now 4-5!



How did this  
happen, ladies  
and gentlemen?  
There's... There's  
only a *ONE GAME*  
*DIFFERENCE!*



And...  
Leliana has  
*kept her*  
serve! She's  
hung on, so  
we enter  
the ninth  
game!



*HOW  
ON EARTH  
WILL THIS  
ALL PLAY  
OUT?*









SHE CAN  
**SEE** THE  
BALL!



SET 245.  
**FOREHAND!**

SET  
THE  
FORD-  
HAND!



THIS RHYTHM!



HER  
ENTIRE  
BODY...

—IS  
REACT-  
ING!





BOOOOM!!



LOVE-FIFTEEN!

KOOO!!

U-Mino has taken an early lead in the fourth game of the second set!



KA-BAM!

A-After a  
**MIRACULOUS**  
three game streak  
of wins, Gino has  
dragged the set  
to 9-5!

And...  
And if she  
managed to  
break Likolic's  
serve again...

THUMP!



If she  
were able  
to manage  
that...



THUMP! THUMP!

THUMP!



WHA-BAM!



Nikolic's  
drive serve  
is almost too  
much! But as  
soon as Umino  
returns it...



...THE  
QUEEN'S  
FOREHAND  
**BURSTS**  
FORTH!



UMINO'S  
STILL IN  
THIS!



Again, the  
Queen's  
relentless  
Forehand!



...But there's  
Athletic with a  
cross-court  
Forehand!



Auto-  
ising! Umno  
Practically  
scribbles a  
return...



UMNO  
IS IN  
PLACE!





Waa...



Love-  
Thirty!



IT'S STRAIGHT  
DOWN THE COURT!



SH-SHE'S  
BROUGHT ABOUT  
SOME INTENSE  
PRESSURE!



What was  
THAT?! How  
is this even  
*possible*?!  
W!





Thirty-  
All!



T-This is  
**AMAZING!**  
Only the *Queen*  
could tie it at  
thirty-all so  
quickly!



The *Queen*  
offers Uehara  
her last rifle  
with another  
powerful  
serve!

Uehara has done  
incredibly well to  
come this far against  
the *Queen*! Her position  
is more than simply  
adequate... It deserves  
to be *praised*!



At last! With  
this game, Uehara  
will *finally* secure  
her title!





She continues  
to be sucked  
into Mikolic's  
ultimate weapon:  
her Forehand!



Umino  
narrowly  
manages  
a return!



Umino  
takes a  
leap for  
it...



The Green's  
Forehand  
releases a  
piercing  
roar!



**SWOON!**



MAN, SHE FINALLY  
STARTED PUTTING THE  
PRESSURE ON... BUT  
THAT IDIOT CAN'T  
REMEMBER TO STOP  
MIKOLIC FROM USING  
HER FOREHAND...



Umino  
can't  
keep  
this  
up!



One  
more  
shot  
will  
finish  
her  
off!

**SHOOOM!**







**BOOM!**



Mikelle's switched  
to a  
**CROSS-  
COW!**  
shot!



BY THEN  
EVERYBODY  
SHOULD BE  
IRITATED...



THE  
**CROSS!**  
BABY-  
CHAN,  
NOW'S  
YER  
CHANCE!

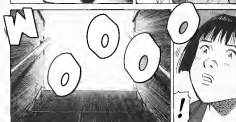


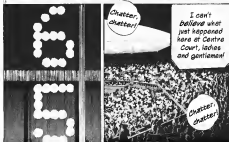
Thirty-  
Forty!

**THWOCK!**









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Umino

1.06

Umino kept her serve during the eleventh game, and... In a rather miraculous streak...

M. UMINO

U

S. NIKOLIC

0 5  
1 5

After breaking Nikolic's serve in the tenth game...







SPT  
246.  
BOMB

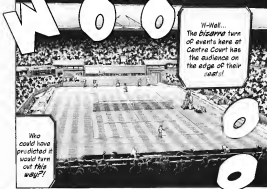






SET 246.

**BOMB**



W-Well...  
The *bizarre* turn  
of events here at  
Centre Court has  
the audience on  
the edge of their  
seats!

Who  
could have  
predicted it  
would turn out  
this way?!

It's  
possible...  
That in the  
*extremely*  
unlikely case  
that Iinno  
broke her  
serve...

As we enter  
the *fast* 5th  
game, it's  
Ukaho's  
serve!

Miyuki Iinno is  
leading Queen  
Ukaho 6-5 in  
the second set!

It...  
It may  
sound far-  
fetched,  
but...

She  
could  
take the  
second  
set!







INCREDIBLE!  
The Queen's  
taken those  
half-baked  
hopes and  
smashed  
them with an  
ace serve!



TOKYO...

OF COURSE  
IT'S ALL BEEN  
DUMB LUCK.

W  
O  
O

Kenji would  
certainly need  
a miracle to  
win at this  
point!



Perhaps it's  
just been  
dumb luck  
this entire  
time!



CHOKO-  
CHAN... SHE'S  
GOT THE LEAD  
ON NIKOLICI!



TUG!

BUT  
WINNING  
TAKES ONE  
BY OUNG  
LUCK...?



TENNIS  
ISN'T  
THAT  
EASY.



IT'S ALMOST  
LIKE GOD IS ON  
LIMNO'S SIDE...

TAKING A  
SET FROM THE  
QUEEN IS A ONCE  
IN A LIFETIME  
OPPORTUNITY.



IT WAS  
WHEN SHE  
WAS COMING  
BACK ON  
COURT.

WERENT  
YOU WATCHING  
THE START OF  
THE TWELFTH  
GAME?



I WONDER  
IF HE'S  
FORGOTTEN  
HERE?

HMPH.  
GOD,  
HMM?



HMM?







**W  
O  
O  
O**

**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING!** In mere moments, the Queen has *shattered* Limino's hopes into a million little pieces!

**BAM!**

FORGIVE LOVE!

BUT... COACH... IT'S NOT OVER...

WE'RE LEAVING, BEBEY.

MYUNG

BUT... MYUNG CAN STILL...

**LIMINO'S INJURED HER LEFT KNEE.**

I'M TELLING YOU, THE OUTCOME IS CLEAR. I'M THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE COACH; MY EYES DON'T LIE.



THE RAT  
WAS LOOKING  
FOR MORE FOOD,  
SO HE JUST KEPT  
CLIMBING! HIGHER  
AND HIGHER...



I ONCE  
SAW A RAT  
ON THE TOP  
FLOOR OF A  
60-STORY  
BUILDING.



YOU SEE,  
THE RAT  
HAD CLIMBED  
ABOVE HIS  
STATION...

...BUT THERE  
WEREN'T ANY  
RESTAURANTS  
WAITING AT THE  
TOP FOR HIM  
WITH SCRAPS.



...AND HE  
DIED AN  
IGNOBLE  
DEATH  
FOR IT.









W  
O  
O



She's  
done it again!  
Urino is still  
in the game!  
The score is  
40-30!



URINO  
MYUKI IS  
**NOT** THE  
KIND OF  
GIRL WHO  
GIVES  
UP.



SHOULD...  
WE GET A  
DEFAULT DE-  
CLARED...?



HAH!

HAH!













SBT  
247.  
BL  
LIVING







# WOOOOO



SET 247.  
**M. UMINO**



UMINO  
MIYUKI HAS  
TAKEN THE  
SECOND SET  
AGAINST THE  
QUEEN BY A  
SCORE OF  
**7-5!**

The Finals  
of the  
Wimbledon  
Ladies'  
Singles have  
been so  
*outrageous*  
this year!

It's  
a *standing*  
ovation, Folks!  
The stands at  
Centre Court  
are on their  
Feet!

...And then  
what as to  
miraculously win  
six games in a  
row, taking the  
set with a Final  
score of 7-6!

18:31	SCORE	18:41
0	WILLIE R. DUNING	1 7
6	PAUL E. HEDDING	1 5

Altogether  
won a straight  
0-6 victory in  
the First set! But  
in the *second*  
set, Anne Smyth  
managed to  
winland five  
times...

The  
victor will  
be crowned  
in our *third*  
set... The  
*Final*, tie-  
breaking  
set!

Things  
are just  
*insane!*











WHY IS  
SHE STILL  
ABLE TO HIT  
LIVE RISING  
SHOTS...?



WHY...?



WHY...?

WOO!



MY  
OPPONENT  
IN THIS  
MATCH...



MYUKI...  
UMINO...

MISS S. NIKOLIC



Live-  
POTASH

WHA!





Love-  
Thirty!

KA-BAM!



IT WAS  
ABSO-  
LUTELY  
OUT!

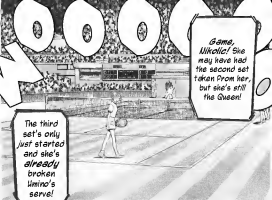
HYU-  
KI...



KA-BAM!

D-DO  
YOU RE-  
MEMBER  
ME?

WHE...  
Y-YOU  
PROBABLY  
DON'T  
RECOGNIZE  
ME FROM  
BACK IN  
JAPAN...



The third set's only just started and she's already broken Lining's serve!

Game, Mikotio! She may have had the second set taken from her, but she's still the Queen!





IF YOU  
CAN DO  
THAT, THE  
CARDIGAN  
IS YOURS.

IF YOU'RE  
AS GOOD AS  
THEY SAY, THEN  
ONE DAY YOU'LL  
WIN A MATCH  
AGAINST ME.









THOSE  
STUPID  
BRA...  
**WHOA!**



I CAN'T  
EVEN SEE  
A GODDAMN  
THING IN  
HERE.

GASP. I  
GOT THE  
WRONG  
ROOM.  
DON'T I?



I'M  
GONNA  
PULL YER  
BACON  
OUTTA THE  
FIRE, YA  
LITTLE  
RUSSETS!



T-THE  
TV'S SO  
FRIGGIN'  
HUGE!



THUD!

CLICK!



WH



The stands here at  
Wimbledon's Centre  
Court are **SHAKING**  
with the force of  
the cheering!



Take a  
listen to  
those cheers,  
ladies and  
gentlemen!

AWH  
IT'S SO  
FRIGGIN'  
LONG,  
TOO!





CRASHED  
IT LIKE IT  
WAS NO-  
THING.

THAT  
SHIRT-  
STAINED  
ADD'A  
YEARS  
JUST...



YURI...



NOBODY  
FUCKS  
WITH  
YURI  
KAORU!

**IT TOOK  
ME TEN  
YEARS!**



**THWACK!**

*Umino  
keeps doggedly  
fighting! Will the  
sixth game be  
another break  
back?!*



*Umino's  
putting up one  
hell of a fight!  
She's in it to  
win it!*

GET  
240.  
MAKE A  
BREAK  
FOR IT.



**HOW  
DARE  
YOU?!**

**THAT...  
THAT WAS  
MY TREA-  
SURE...**



*Umino  
leaps for  
another of  
Nikolic's  
infamous  
forehand  
shots!*



**DIE...**

**DIE...**

**BANG!**

SET 248.

**MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!**

*This is Umino's  
chance! Nikolic's  
backhand leaves  
her completely  
defenseless!*

**DIHIE!**

























WIMBLEDON...









As we enter the eighth game, will Uesato manage another miracle break back?!



Both players continue to break serves in the third set! The score is now 5-4!



MIYU-  
KI...

LIMI-  
NO...















**I HIT  
IT...**

**SET 249.**

**ON THE PRECIPICE**









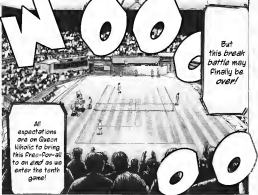




**SKET!**







All  
expectations  
are on Gaden  
Niholic to bring  
this Free-For-all  
to an end as we  
enter the tenth  
game!

But  
this break  
battle may  
finally be  
over!



UMINO-  
SAN'S  
NOT  
DONE  
JUST  
YE...



HAHA

HAHA



NO...  
NOT  
YET!

MUTTER.  
MUTTER!



HEY!  
HANG IN  
THERE,  
UMINO!

STOMP!  
STOMP!







WHOA!

BAVE!



WH...



ARGH!

TUMBLE!



WHAT  
WAS THAT?



I... I  
DON'T  
HAVE  
IT!



HOW  
DID YOU  
SPEND A  
MILLION  
YEN?

I... I  
SPENT  
IT ALL!



OW,  
OW,  
OW,  
OW!

YOU STOLE  
A MILLION  
YEN FROM  
MY FRIEND!  
GIVE IT  
BACK!

THUD!





GET IT? YOU'RE JUST GONNA LOOK THE OTHER WAY ABOUT ALL THIS NOW, YEAH?

THERE WERE A HUNDRED TO ONE ODDS ON THAT HALF A MILL.



IT'S A BETTING SLIP.



A PIECE OF PAPER. SOP.



IT... IT'S FROM A BOOKIE.



OW, OW, OW! LET ME EXPLAIN!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!



EEEEEEK!

KEEP GOING! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



WHAT ABOUT BRO?!



HAH!

HAH!







I HAPPENED  
TO FIND A  
BOOKMAKER.



SON OF A  
BITCH I'VE  
GOTTA TRY  
AGAIN.



WHAAAAAT?!



SHE WAS  
BETTING ON THE  
HARLEQUIN  
CHAMP, WITH A  
THIRTY DOLLAR  
THREE FORTY  
AND AIN'T BET...



FIVE  
DOLLARS  
DOLLARS  
DOLLARS  
DOLLARS  
DOLLARS



THAT'S  
TOO BAD.  
YOU WON'T  
MAKE THE  
BET, THEN?

WELL...  
WE CAN,  
BUT WITH  
STAKES LIKE  
THOSE...



AWAY,  
PLEASE...  
WAIT JUST A  
MOMENT. THE  
ODDS ARE TWO  
HUNDRED TO  
ONE...!



YOU'RE  
WRONG.  
IT'S GOING  
TO PAY  
OFF.



'CUZ TWO  
HUNDRED TO ONE  
ODDS SUCK. HE'LL'D  
FREEZE OVER BEFORE  
YA GOT A PAROLIT  
ON THAT ONE!



YOU'RE  
PRETTY  
STUPID,  
LADY.

WHAT  
MAKES  
YOU SAY  
THAT?



YOU LOOK ME  
RIGHT IN THE  
EYES AND SAY  
THAT AGAIN!



SWAN,  
HAH, HAH,  
HAH! YOU  
REALLY  
ARE AN  
IDOT!



SINCE THAT  
LADY DUMPED A  
HUNDRED GRAND  
ON A TWO HUN-  
DRED TO ONE  
LONGSHOT...



IT WILL  
**ABSOLUTELY**  
PAY OFF. LOOK  
ME IN THE  
EYES!



I BET ON  
THE HOME  
PLAYER ONE  
DO, WITH ALL  
FORTY GRAND  
I HAD LEFT...

...THE ODDS  
DROPPED  
DOWN TO A  
HUNDRED  
TO ONE.  
BUT I...





THAT PAPER'S  
WORTH  
FIFTY  
MILLION  
YEN.

IF  
ONE  
WING



Miyuki  
Umino

MIYUKI  
UMINO...



BOOM!

UMINO'S  
STILL  
HANGING  
IN THERE!  
WILL IT BE  
ANOTHER  
BREAK  
BACK?!



I'VE  
GOT TWO  
HUNDRED  
MILLION  
YEN ON  
YOU!

GO,  
MIYUKI-  
CHAN!





# WOOO



SET 250.  
**MIRACLES...**







Is this  
it...?



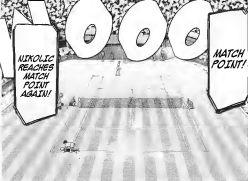
Umino's  
desperate!  
If she lets  
this device  
get away  
from her,  
it's over!



Advantage,  
Ukaho!



**IS  
THIS THE  
END FOR  
HER?!**





PLAYING  
MATCH AFTER  
MATCH WAS  
GOING TO  
BLOW OUT  
MINO'S  
KNEE...

WHAT  
DID HE  
THINK  
WOULD  
HAPPEN  
WITH HER  
LEG LIKE  
THAT?



**OBVIOUSLY!**  
THERE'S NO  
SUCH THING  
AS MIRACLES!



**FLUNDER  
MINOYAMA!**

GOING THEREFOR  
JUST BECAUSE HE  
WANTED TO MAKE  
A GOOD NAME FOR  
HIMSELF. HE'S  
THE WORST COACH  
IN AMSTERDAM!



IF IT  
CAN'T BE  
USED THE  
WAY IT'S  
SUPPOSED  
TO, THEN IT  
BELONGS IN  
THE TRASH.

WHEN  
YOU EX-  
PLOIT YOUR  
STUDENT'S  
BODY LIKE  
THAT...



WHY  
NOT KNEE  
THE WAY IT IS,  
THERE'S NO  
WAY IN HELL  
SHE COULD WIN  
AGAINST .



**SABRINA  
NIKOLIC.**



**YOUR  
LITTLE  
SCHEME  
ENDS  
HERE.**



OVER-  
THROWING  
THE INVINCIBLE  
QUEEN NIKOLIC,  
WHO SOARS  
THROUGH THE  
HEAVENS...

I SUPPOSE  
THAT WAS  
EVERYONE'S  
DREAM...



BEATING  
HER WOULD  
BE IMPOS-  
SIBLE!



...THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
CONCLUSION  
THAT CAN BE  
REACHED.

I'VE  
ANALYZED IT  
FROM EVERY  
ANGLE. RUN  
EVERY SIMU-  
LATION...



THAT'S  
JUST  
THE GOLD  
HARD  
REALITY.

...BUT WITHOUT  
EVEN LOSING A  
POINTLESS MATCH  
AGAINST HER, MY  
WENDY WILL STILL  
BE THE SUCCESSOR  
TO THE THRONE.



NIKOLIC IS  
REPAIRING AFTER  
THIS TOURNAMENT,  
SO THAT PARTY-  
GOAL DREAM OF  
MINE WILL NEVER  
COME TRUE...



EVEN  
FOR MYSELF,  
THE WORLD'S  
NUMBER ONE  
COACH...













Neither  
Umino nor  
Nikolic seem  
to mind the  
rain at all!  
The match  
continues!



It's pouring  
rain, but the  
judges have  
decided *not*  
to stop the  
match!

There  
it is! Her  
180 KPH  
serve!









Umino's  
on top  
of it!

AH!

SHEEEEE!



MY  
GOD!



UMINO'S  
FOOT HAS  
SLIPPED  
ON THE  
WET TURF!

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...SHE'S A  
MORON,  
SO...

IT'LL  
BE TOTALLY  
HOPLESS,  
BUT...



NIKOLIC'S  
GOING  
OVER THE  
NET!



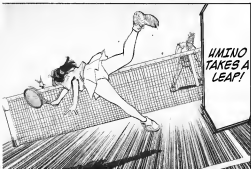




SEE?  
THAT'S  
BETTER.



GO TO  
HELL.



UMINO  
TAKES A  
LEAP!



SET  
251.  
RAIN



I TOLD  
YA! CUT  
IT OUT!  
UMINO'S  
WAITIN'!



SAKU-  
RADA!



IT'S BEEN  
FUN, YOU  
GUYS



DO YOU GUYS  
WANT TO BE A  
PART OF THE  
YU-UKI SOCIETY?



GUESS  
I'M JUST GLAD  
I KNOW THERE'S  
MORES LIKE THE  
TWO OF YA IN HIGH  
SOCIETY, TOO.



*A shark  
is being  
dragged  
over Centre  
Court!*



*The  
judges have  
declared a  
break in the  
game due  
to rain!*



*IF I HEAR  
YA MADE  
LIVING CRY,  
I'M GONNA  
KICK YER  
ASS!*



in 500000ds



SAKU-  
RADA!

But  
they've  
brought  
out the  
sheet to  
cover  
Centre  
Court!

The score is  
5-5 in the third  
set! Umino Miyuki  
and Queen Nikolic  
seem to be an  
even match...

SET 251.  
**RAIN**











THANKS,  
SHITHEAD.



YOU  
THIRD-  
RATE  
COACH!

YOU  
SHOULD  
HAVE HAD  
SOME TAPE  
READY AND  
WAITING.



HUNGRY?  
HUNGRY?

SHIT,  
WE'RE  
HUNGRY!



DON'T  
WORRY ABOUT  
A THING! BIG  
BROT'S ON THE  
CASE!



THAT'S  
AN ORDER  
FROM THE  
FORMER  
CAPTAIN OF  
THE HAWKLAND  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TENNIS CLUB!

KEEP  
GOING  
FOR-  
WARD!





HA  
GAY MAKE  
ME SOME  
MORE OF  
IT...

THAT  
THREE DAY  
CURRY...



THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
THING THAT  
SHOULD BE  
RATTEN'  
AROUND IN  
THERE...

AND THAT'S  
TENNIS.



MYLKO...  
YOU WANT TO  
GET BETTER,  
DON'T YOU?

IT'S  
IMPORTANT  
TO GET  
BETTER,  
THOUGH.



...YOU  
WON'T  
GET ANY  
BETTER.

IF YOU  
DON'T FEEL  
FRAUGHTED...



MYLKO...

LISTEN UP,  
MYLKO...



BABY-  
CHAN!



MYLKO!

BABY-  
CHAN!



HOW ABOUT  
SOME OF THEIR  
SPECIAL BAKING  
AND LEEK RAMEN?  
DADDY WANTS  
SOME, TOO!



I'VE GOT IT!  
WE'LL GO GET  
SOME RAMEN AT  
RAIRAKEN.

SSSS!!

ARE YA  
WITH ME,  
BABY-  
CHAN?







THE  
"UNSIK-  
ABLE"  
SABINA  
NIKOLIC...



YER  
SPECIAL  
RISING SHOT  
ACTUALLY  
MANAGED  
T'BREAK  
THROUGH...

BUT  
YA STILL  
MANAGED  
T'SEND THE  
BALL FLYIN'  
AT THE LAST  
SECOND.



...BROUGHT IT  
TO A 5-5 TIE  
IN THE THIRD  
SET...

EVEN  
AGAINST THE  
INVINCIBLE  
"QUEEN OF  
THE GREEN,"  
YA STILL...



BABY-CHAN,  
MY DREAM'S  
**ALREADY**  
COME TRUE.





I GOT IT  
TAPED BY THE  
WORLD'S BEST  
TRAINER AND  
COACH.

IT'LL BE  
FINE.



A WEEK! A  
MONTH! ALL  
YEAR!

WAAAAH!  
I HOPE THE  
RAIN NEVER  
STOPS!



...



THE RAIN  
HAS CLEARED.  
THE MATCH  
WILL NOW  
RESUME.



CLACK!

I HOPE IT  
JUST KEEPS  
FALLIN' AN'...





NIKOLIC-SAN  
IS WAITING  
FOR ME...  
OUT THERE  
ON CENTRE  
COURT.



I'VE  
GOT TO  
GO NOW,  
THUNDER-  
SAN.

**LET'S BRING  
EVERYBODY TO  
RAIRAIKEN AND  
HAVE SOME OF  
THEIR SPECIAL  
GARLIC AND LEEK  
RAMEN!**



BASH-  
CHAN...



WHEN  
THE MATCH  
IS OVER .  
LET'S... AND WE GO  
BACK TO  
JAPAN .



OH...

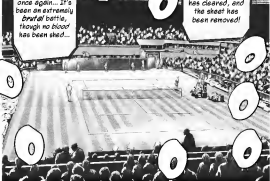


And now, they stand before us once again... It's been an extremely brutal battle, though no blood has been shed...

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O

The... The spectators are *roaring!* The rain has cleared, and the sheet has been removed!





**STEP!**

Now  
entering  
Centre  
Court,  
it's...



*Both of the  
players have  
made their  
appearance  
for one final  
match!*

**UMINO  
MIYUKI  
AND  
SABRINA  
NIKOLIC!**



*L-Look  
at that!  
Even the  
Duchess  
of Kent...!*



Th...

*Clap  
Clap Clap  
Clap Clap  
Clap Clap  
Clap*



**SHF!**

*The ENTIRE  
crowd has  
welcomed  
both players  
onto Centre  
Court with a  
standing  
ovation!*

**W**







YA  
DONE  
GOOD,  
KID...

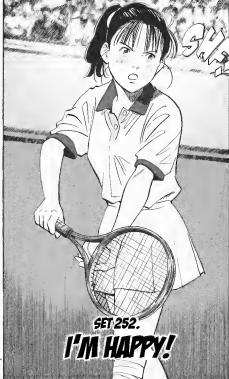
B-BABY-  
CHAN...

I WOULD  
EXPECT NO  
LESS FROM  
THE WORLD'S  
BEST COACH  
TAKING  
MANYA...

SHE HAS  
INDEED  
DONE VERY  
WELL.

BEST,  
HUH?





SHU!

SET 252.

**I'M HAPPY!**





*Okay, ladies  
and gentlemen! The  
rain has cleared up,  
and the eleven's  
game in the third  
set of the Ladies'  
Singles Finals here  
at Wimbledon will  
now resume!*



*Or will  
Senna Miyako  
continue to  
see miracles  
happen?*



*Will the  
Goddess of  
victory smile  
on Sabrina  
Winkle's last  
match?*



**WHAT  
WILL  
IT  
BE?!**



*The  
Point out-  
come...*



...A  
COMPLETE  
AND LITTER  
POOL!



WHAT A  
BUNCH OF  
IDIOTS...



GETTING  
IT ALL ON  
MYSELF?  
BACH AND EVERY  
ONE OF THEM  
IS JUST...



WHAT...

She's  
broken  
Umino's  
serve  
in the  
eleventh  
game!



A  
Fiery  
return  
by  
Nikolic!

AFTER  
ALL YOU'VE  
OVERCOME,  
YOU LET IT  
END LIKE  
THIS?!

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
DOING,  
UMINO?!



...Umino  
Flies  
to it!

Ukolic  
lets her  
drive serve  
loose with  
a houl,  
but...

WHOOSH!



GLAM!



HOW!  
Ukolic  
starts a  
serve and  
volley! She's  
attacking  
with some  
**INCREDIBLE**  
energy!



It's...





But she's  
screwed! Still  
got the drive  
to keep going!  
Where does it  
come from?!



That tape  
is even  
painful to  
**LOOK AT!**  
It's clear  
that Umino  
has hurt her  
knee!



**THERE'S ANOTHER!**

**WHACK!**



Ukoto  
is launching  
her Great-  
rough-class  
Super Shot  
*reluctantly!*

**SHOOON!**



**GO,  
GO,  
GO!**



**BUT  
UMINO  
KEEPS  
GOING!**









THEY'RE STILL AT IT!

THWOCK!



MISS MUMFORD

MISS S. MINDUC

11

11

We... We've entered into game number **TWENTY ONE!**

**THWOCK!**

...A NICE  
MEMORY  
HE CAN  
TAKE TO  
HELL.

I GET IT. SO WAIN-BUCHI'LL HAVE...

AFTER THE MATCH IS FINE.

I GET IT. SO WAIN-BUCHI'LL HAVE...

AFTER THE MATCH IS FINE.



Can the  
Queen  
keep up  
with it?!

And there  
it is! Umeko's  
keen *Rising  
Shot!*





I have  
NEVER seen  
such a sight  
before in  
my life!

Queen  
Whistle took  
an Ueno-  
style flying  
jump and  
landed on  
all fours!

The  
Queen



FATHER...  
MY...

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!



MY  
TENNIS  
IS...

HAH!

HAH!



HAH!

HAH!



IS THIS  
ALL PART'A  
YER PLAN?

**THWOCK!**

MAKIN'  
HER FORM  
MORE COM-  
PACT, SO  
SHE COULD  
MASTER THE  
RIGHT SHOT...

DISCO-  
VERIN'  
BABY-  
CHAN...

**THWOCK!**

YA BEEN  
PLANNIN'  
THE ENTIRE  
THING?

THE GIRL  
CAME THIS  
FAR OF HER  
OWN AC-  
CORD...

**THWOCK!**  
I'M AFRAID  
THERE WAS  
NO PLAN.

ESPECIALLY  
MAKIN' HER  
HIT THAT  
MAGIC BALL...  
THE ROYAL  
PHOENIX #1...

PLAN...?

**THWOCK!**  
FOON' AGE  
AS HER  
COACH...



AND...

SHE  
DRAGGED  
US INTO  
THIS OF  
HER OWN  
ACCORD...



**BAM!**

**KROOSH!**

This  
could be  
it...!



**UMINO  
KEEPS HER  
SERVE AND  
GAINS THE  
LEAD! THE  
SCORE IS  
11-10!**

AND...



Ueno  
rushes  
after like  
her life  
depends  
on it...!



The  
Queen  
puts her  
entire  
body into  
the serve!

**SET 253.**

**GAME, SET,  
MATCH...**

**AN ACE SERVE!  
FIFTEEN-LOVE!**



**CALM  
DOWN!  
LISTEN  
TO ME!**

**BRO!**



BUT...!

I'LL  
GO AFTER  
SAKURA-  
DA!



YOU HAVE  
TO TAKE  
THE KIDS  
AND RUN

HOW  
COULD I CALM  
DOWN?! BRO  
WAS... SAKU-  
RADA WAS  
SHOT! AND  
HE...



WAAAAH!

GET A  
GRIP! DO  
YOU WANT  
EVERYONE  
ELSE TO  
GET SHOT,  
TOO?!



WALMP!

Thirty-  
Four!



SHOOOM







**THWOCK!**







IT'S  
NOT SAFE  
HERE, GID  
GO!

W-WHAT?  
THERE'S  
STILL  
SOME-  
ONE...!



MADAM'S  
ORDERS. FIND  
THE KIDS!

THANK  
GOD YOU'RE  
SAFE, YOUNG  
MASTER.  
OHAY, BRING  
HIM TO THE  
CAR!



**SAKU-  
RADA!**



**LET  
GO!**

THAT'S  
STILL  
SOME-  
BODY...!



Ah...!

Ska...

**BAM!**



Thirty-  
Forty!

*After  
three hours  
and twenty  
minutes of  
play, Umino  
has reached  
the match  
point!*

*SHE'S  
FINALLY  
REACHED  
THE MATCH  
POINT!*

YES...  
YES, I  
UNDER-  
STAND.

YEP...

THE  
TIME  
HAS  
COME  
AT  
LAST.

IT WAS A  
SUCCESS!  
THEY ARE  
SAFE!

I MADE  
CONTACT  
WITH OUR  
TEAM JUST  
NOW. THE  
MISSION TO  
RESCUE  
UMINO'S  
FAMILY...

MAD-  
AM...





Limino  
returns  
that one,  
too!



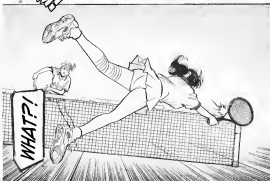
The  
next one,  
floating  
up in the  
air...



Nikolic  
begins  
a serve  
and  
volley!

CHOOOM!

IT'S  
NIKOLIC'S  
CHANCE  
BAAALL!





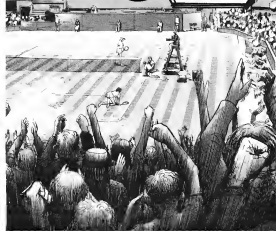




**UMINO  
WINS  
THE  
CHAM-  
PION-  
SHIP!**



**GAME,  
SET,  
MATCH!  
UMINO!**



# WOOOO

The audience at Centre Court is... No, all throughout the world, they're...

Three cheers  
For Umino!  
**SHE'S  
DONE IT!**



THEY'RE  
ALL GIVING  
HER A STANDING  
OVARION! THEY'RE  
CHEERING FROM  
THE BOTTOM OF  
THEIR HEARTS!



All for  
this athlete,  
hailing from  
Japan, who  
went totally  
under the  
rader before  
the tourment...!



What...



Umino can't  
even stand up!  
The rape on her  
left knee tells  
the story of how  
fiercely she's  
fought!











The  
"Umino"  
chants are  
still rever-  
berating  
throughout  
Centre  
Court!

UMINO!

UMINO!

UMINO!

The  
opponents  
will *not*  
die down!

UMINO!

UMINO!

History has  
been made  
here today,  
Folks! The  
brilliant  
achievements  
of Umino Mushi  
will be honored  
at the awards  
ceremony  
presently!

UMINO!

UMINO!

UMINO!

She's the *First*  
Japanese  
woman to win!  
Not just that,  
but she beat  
Queen Mihole  
to do it!



FINAL SET.  
BE HAPPY!









**SHOVE!**







THESE...  
WELL, I DON'T  
REALLY GET  
IT, BUT...



MY OLDER  
BROTHER'S DEBT  
HAS BEEN IN YOUR  
HAIR FOR A LONG  
TIME... UH...



THIS  
ONE'S WORTH  
A MILLION TIMES  
TWO HUNDRED...  
I THINK?

THIS ONE'S  
WORTH FIVE  
HUNDRED  
THOUSAND  
TIMES A  
HUNDRED,  
AND...



I GOT THESE  
FROM OKIKU-SAN  
AND TAMAYO-SAN  
JUST NOW...



THESE  
PIECES  
OF PAPER  
SHOULD BE  
WORTH TWO  
HUNDRED  
AND FIFTY  
MILLION  
YEN.



THEY TOLD ME  
THEY GOT THEM AT  
A BOOKMAKER OR  
SOMETHING. I DIDN'T  
REALLY UNDERSTAND,  
BUT... ANYWAY...







LET'S GO,  
BABY-CHAN.  
WE GOTTA  
MAKE YA LOOK  
NICE FOR  
THE AWARDS  
CEREMONY.



I'M JUST SO  
GLAD THAT...  
EVERYBODY'S  
OKAY...



CAN YA  
WALK?

YEAH,  
I'M  
FINE.











Yo.  
How ya  
doin'?

HEY! NO!  
DON'T GO  
OUTSIDE  
WITH MY  
PANTIES  
ON YOUR  
HEAD!

THUMP!  
THUMP!  
IT'S A  
RING-SIDE  
BRAWL!

SAYORI  
DID YOU  
GET INTO MY  
MAKEUP  
AGAIN?!

YOU  
LISTEN HERE.  
PANTIES GO  
ON YOUR  
BEARD.  
NOT YOUR  
HEAD!

I bet that  
Abeeno (and  
ya got'a admit  
the sounds of  
Abeeno).

HEY!

I guess  
admit  
to kinda  
digg  
huh?

CRASH!  
CRASH!  
CRASH!

WHAT ARE ALL  
OF THESE? OUR  
KITCHEN IS  
COVERED IN A  
MOUNTAIN OF  
BOXES!

Put ya brother  
back in. If  
ya take your eyes  
off'a that big  
brother for a  
second...

THESE'RE  
PACKED  
FULL OF  
VINTAGE  
WINE!

LET ME  
TELL YA!  
THIS ONE'S  
A DOOZY!





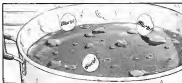




I waited the  
three days,  
and it still  
didn't taste  
right.

I tried  
making it  
just like you  
showed me,  
but...

By  
the way,  
that  
sorry...



He gotta  
be 'hidin' some  
kinda secret  
ingredient from  
me, right?

But I  
think I had a  
great idea.

Well, I  
got a lot on  
my mind.

Oh... Pidge  
see that little 'o  
corner' back, too?  
You 'best hear!

When you  
do the best,  
how 'bout you  
come down to  
the Philippines  
on your 'honey-  
moon'?

Maybe it's  
stupid...





*The whole  
dorky  
family'll  
say hi!*



**HAVE  
ONE!**

**EMERALD SHOPPING DISTRICT**

HEY,  
MYUKI-CHAN!  
THE GARDENES  
ARE CHEAP  
TODAY!



HERE,  
TAKE THIS!  
WHEN'S THE  
MATCH?

PEPE!  
LIKE  
MYUKI-  
CHAN!  
WANT  
THAT?



**GOOD  
LUCK,  
MYUKI-  
CHAN!**



**NEXT  
MONTH!**



THWOCK!

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LOVE!

HAPPY!  
-END-



